

16. (Amended) A fishing lure, for use with a fishing rod having a fishing line, for catching fish, comprising in combination:

a. an elongated body portion having a concave inner surface, a convex outer surface a rounded leading edge, and a rounded trailing edge, said body portion further having a hole therethrough;

b. at least one hook having a hook first end and a hook second end, said hook second end being structured and arranged for attachment to said body portion;

c. a rattle, attached to said body portion, having a cylindrical body portion having a chamber therein for holding at least one moveable body;

d. a bracket attached to said body portion and having an elongated portion and a curved portion, said curved portion being structured and arranged to partially encircle said rattle;

e. an attachment means for attaching said fishing line to said body portion, wherein said attachment means is substantially rigidly held proximate to said hole;

f. a weed guard attached to said concave inner surface of said body portion; and

g. a skirt having a skirt first end, said skirt first end being removably attached to said elongated portion of said bracket;

h. wherein said leading edge has a larger radius than said trailing edge; and

I. wherein said hole in said body portion is structured and arranged for location adjacent said longitudinal central axis of said body portion at approximately twelve percent of the distance from said rounded leading edge to said rounded trailing edge.

Please amend Claim 9 to rewrite it in independent form as the following Claim 9 (Amended):

9. (Amended) [The fishing lure according to Claim 2] A fishing lure, for use with a fishing rod having a fishing line, for catching fish, comprising in combination:

a. an elongated body portion having longitudinal central axis, a concave inner surface, a convex outer surface, a rounded leading edge, and a rounded trailing edge, said body portion further having a hole therethrough;

b. a snaring means, attached to said body portion, for ensnaring a fish;

c. a rattle means, attached to said body portion, for emitting a vibration;

d. a holding means, attached to said concave inner surface of said body portion, for holding said rattle means;

e. an attachment means for attaching said fishing line to said body portion;

f. wherein said holding means comprises a bracket having an elongated portion, a top surface and a curved portion, said curved portion being structured and arranged to partially encircle said rattle means; and

g. wherein said bracket further comprises an elongated second portion structured and arranged to substantially span a distance between said curved portion and said rounded leading edge of said spoon portion.

Please amend Claim 17 to rewrite it in independent form as the following Claim 17 (Amended):

17. (Amended) [the fishing lure according to Claim 16] A fishing lure, for use with a fishing rod having a fishing line, for catching fish, comprising in combination:

a. an elongated body portion having a concave inner surface, a convex outer surface a rounded leading edge, and a rounded trailing edge, said body portion further having a hole therethrough;

b. at least one hook having a hook first end and a hook second end, said hook second end being structured and arranged for attachment to said body portion;

c. a rattle, attached to said body portion, having a cylindrical body portion having a chamber therein for holding at least one moveable body;

d. a bracket attached to said body portion and having an elongated portion and a curved portion, said curved portion being structured and arranged to partially encircle said rattle;

e. an attachment means for attaching said fishing line to said body portion;

f. a weed guard attached to said concave inner surface of said body portion; and

g. a skirt having a skirt first end, said skirt first end being removably attached to said elongated portion of said bracket;

h. wherein said leading edge has a larger radius than said trailing edge;

i. wherein said hole in said body portion is structured and arranged for location adjacent said longitudinal central axis of said body portion at approximately twelve percent of the distance from said rounded leading edge to said rounded trailing edge; and

j. wherein said bracket further comprises an elongated second portion structured and arranged to substantially span a distance between said curved portion and said rounded leading edge of said spoon portion.

Please add the following new Claim as new Claim 25:

25. A fishing lure, for use with a fishing rod having a fishing line, for catching fish, comprising in combination:

a. an elongated body portion having longitudinal central axis, a concave inner surface, a convex outer surface, a rounded leading edge, and a rounded trailing edge, said body portion further having a hole therethrough;

b. a snaring means, attached to said body portion, for ensnaring a fish;

c. a rattle means, attached to said body portion, for emitting a vibration;

d. a rattle holding means, attached to said concave inner surface of said body portion, for holding said rattle means positioned substantially transverse to said body portion;

e. an attachment means for attaching said fishing line to said body portion.

[Please add the following new Claim as new Claim 26:]

26. A fishing lure, for use with a fishing rod having a fishing line, for catching fish, comprising in combination:

a. an elongated body portion having longitudinal central axis, a concave inner surface, a convex outer surface, a rounded leading edge, and a rounded trailing edge, said body portion further having a hole therethrough;

b. a snaring means, attached to said body portion, for ensnaring a fish;

c. a rattle means, attached to said body portion, for emitting a vibration;

d. a rattle holding means, attached to said concave inner surface of said body portion, for holding said rattle means positioned substantially transverse to said body portion;

e. an attachment means for attaching said fishing line to said body portion, wherein said attachment means is substantially rigidly held proximate to said hole.

Please note that a clean copy of the amended Claims is appended to this Amendment.